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FOLLOWING IS AGREED REPORT BY THE FIVE AMBASSADORS IN DAR ES
SALAAM: BEGIN AGREED TEXT:

1. WE SAW PRESIDENT NYERERE AFTERNOON JULY 2. FOREIGN MINISTER
MKAPA WAS PRESENT. NYERERE'S REACTION ON THIS OCCASION WAS IN CON-
TRANST TO THAT AT OUR MEETING WITH HIM ON JUNE 16. HE ACCEPTED OUR
MESSAGE CONVEYING THE NEGATIVE SOUTH AFRICAN REACTION ON TROOP
LOCATIONS WITH EQUANIMITY. HE SAID THAT HE HAD HOPED THAT WE COULD
HAVE GONE FORWARD ON THE BASIS OF A GOOD MESSAGE FROM THE SOUTH
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AFRICANS. IT HAD BEEN NECESSARY TO TRY TO OBTAIN THIS. HOWEVER,
WE SHOULD NOW GO AHEAD ANYWAY. IN FACT, HE HAD ALREADY SENT
FOREIGN MINISTRY PRINCIPAL SECRETARY NYAKYI TO PROPOSE TO HIS
COLLEAGUES AND SWAPO THAT A MEETING SHOULD BE HELD AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE AFTER HE HAD RECEIVED OUR MESSAGE. HE SAID "WE WILL
TRY TO GET SWAPO TO ACCEPT THE POSITION REACHED."

2. NYERERE NOTED WHAT WE HAD SAID ABOUT TROOP CONCENTRATION AT GROOTFONTEIN. HE DID NOT EXCLUDE FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF IT, BUT SAID "I WANT TO MOVE THE SOUTH AFRICANS OUT OF NAMIBIA NOT OUT OF GROOTFONTEIN." IT WAS CLEAR THAT HE PERSONALLY DESIRED TO GO AHEAD WITH THE PROCESS OF SECURING NAMIBIA'S INDEPENDENCE WITH THE LEAST POSSIBLE DELAY.

3. NYERERE SAID THAT, SUBJECT TO THE REACTION OF HIS FRONT LINE COLLEAGUES AND SWAPO TO THE CONTENT OF OUR MESSAGE, HE BELIEVED THAT THE FIVE SHOULD MEET SWAPO AT AN EARLY DATE IN LUANDA. IN REPLY TO A QUESTION HE SAID THAT HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR THE FRONT LINE STATES TO BE AVAILABLE IN LUANDA AT THE TIME OF THE MEETING. ASKED ABOUT TIMING, THE PRESIDENT EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE WHOLE PROCESS COULD BE COMPLETED BEFORE THE KHARTOUM MEETING: "I WOULD LIKE TO GO TO KHARTOUM WITH AN AGREEMENT ON NAMIBIA; IT WOULD SIMPLIFY SOME OF MY PROBLEMS."

4. IF AGREEMENT WAS REACHED AT THE LUANDA MEETING, NYERERE SAID, WE SHOULD GO STRAIGHT TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND GET ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROPOSALS. HE HIMSELF SAW NO NEED TO GO BACK TO THE SOUTH AFRICANS FIRST BUT THE FIVE COULD DO SO IF THEY WISHED.

5. THE PRESIDENT DID NOT RESPOND TO OUR PRESENTATION ON WALVIS BAY, EXCEPT TO SAY THAT HE ASSUMED THAT OUR DRAFT RESOLUTION WAS IDENTICAL WITH THAT WHICH HE HAD ALREADY SEEN FROM SALIM.

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6. NYERERE ENDED THE DISCUSSION BY ASKING US TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO OUR GOVERNMENTS FOR THEIR EFFORTS. HE ADDED WITH A SMILE, "I AM NOT ALWAYS CRITICAL."

7. WHILE NYERERE VERY CAREFULLY GAVE NO GUARANTEES, HIS REACTION WAS EXTREMELY ENCOURAGING. ALL THE INDICATIONS ARE THAT HE IS GOING TO MAKE A STRONG EFFORT TO DELIVER HIS COLLEAGUES AND SWAPO. END AGREED TEXT.
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